

NOMINEE REQUIRING SENATE CONFIRMATION

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT BACKGROUND SUMMARY

NOMINEE: Jessica A. Amend

POSITION: Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, General Public Member

REPLACING: Deb Gullett

APPOINTING GOVERNOR: Douglas A. Ducey

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: May 7, 2015

TERM ENDS: January 21, 2019

FUNCTION OF THE ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD:

The purpose of the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) is to protect the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified, impaired or unprofessional practitioners of veterinary medicine through licensure and regulation of the profession in the State. The Board is responsible for veterinary licensure, technician certification, licensure of crematories and premises, defining regulations for licensed veterinary practitioners and conducting investigations on suspected violations of veterinary law (A.R.S. § 32-2207).

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION:

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. Each member of the Board serves a term of five years, with no one member serving more than two full terms. Five members must be licensed veterinarians who have an established practice location in the State or are employed by a university or political subdivision of the State and who have resided and practiced in the state for five years immediately preceding appointment. No more than three of the members can be from the same veterinary college. The remaining four members must be lay persons, three representing the general public and one representing the livestock industry. Individuals convicted of a violation of veterinary law, with the exception of certain administrative violations, are ineligible for appointment (A.R.S. § 32-2202).

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND TERM EXPIRATIONS:

Darren P. Wright, D.V.M	Licensed Veterinarian Member	1/15/2018
<i>Sarah Heinrich, D.V.M. **</i>	<i>Licensed Veterinarian Member</i>	<i>1/20/2020</i>
<i>John G. Byrne, D.V.M. **</i>	<i>Licensed Veterinarian Member</i>	<i>1/21/2019</i>
Leslie N. Hatfield, D.V.M.	Licensed Veterinarian Member	1/15/2018

Christina Bertch-Mumaw, D.V.M.	Licensed Veterinarian Member	1/18/2016
Vacant	General Public Member	
Jessica A. Amend**	General Public Member	1/21/2019
Julie Young	General Public Member	1/15/2018
James Loughhead	Livestock Industry Member	1/15/2018
Nicole Frost**	Certified Veterinarian Technician	1/20/2020
<i>**Pending Confirmation</i>		

SALARY OR OTHER COMPENSATION:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2202, each member of the Board is entitled to receive compensation at a rate not exceeding \$100 for each day while engaged in the service of the Board.

BUDGET AND FTES:

According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), the Approved Operating Budget for FY 2016 is \$545,200 appropriated from the Veterinary Medical Examining Board. Currently, there are 6.0 full time equivalent positions.

NOMINEE'S QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

Iowa State University, Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Employment (past ten years):

Arizona Humane Society, Community Relations Manager	2014-present
HDR, Inc. Engineering Firm, Public Involvement Specialist	2008-2013
John McCain's Presidential Election, Campaign Staffer	2007-2008
FirstStrategic Political Consulting Firm, Staff Assistant	2004-2007

Other Qualifications:

Arizona Veterinary Board
AZ Veterinary Board Investigative Committee, member

Natural Resources Committee
April 18, 2016